When what is done is like an hypocrite,
The which is good in nothing but in ſight,
If it be true that I interpret falſe,
Then were it certaine you were not ſo bad,
As with foule Inceſt to abuſe your ſoule:
Where now you both a father and a ſonne,
By your untimely claſpings with your childe,
(Which pleaſures fits an husband, not a father)
And ſhe an eater of her mothers fleſh)
By the defiling of her parents bed,
And both like Serpents are, who though they feed
On ſweeteſt floures, yet they poyſon breed.
Antioch farwell, for wiſedome ſees thoſe men
Bluſh not in actions blacker than the night,
Will ſhew no courſe to keepe them from the light:
One ſinne (I know) another doth provoke;
Murder's as neare to luſt, as flame to ſmoake:
Poyſon and treaſon are the hands of ſinne;
I, and the Targets to put off the ſhame,
Then leaſt my life be cropt to keepe you cleare,
By flight Ile ſhun the danger which I feare. *Exit.*

Enter Antiochus.

Anti. He hath found the meaning,
For which we meane to have his head,
He muſt not live to trumpet forth my infamy,
Nor tell the world *Antiochus* doth ſinne
In ſuch a lothed manner.
And therefore inſtantly this Prince muſt die,
For by his fall, my honour muſt keepe hie.
Who attends us there?

Enter Thaliard.

Thal. Doth your highneſſe call?

Anti Thaliard, you are of our Chamber,
And our minde partakes her private actions
To your ſecreſie; and for your faithfulneſſe
We will advance you *Thaliard*:

Behold

Behold, heer's poyſon and heer's gold.
We hate the Prince of *Tyre*, and thou muſt kill him,
It fits thee not to aske the reaſon why?
Becauſe we bid it: ſay is it done?

Thal. My Lord, tis done.

Enter a Meſſenger.

Ant. Enough. Let your breath coole your ſelfe, telling your haſte.

Meſſ. My Lord Prince *Pericles* is fled.

Ant. As thou wilt live flye after, and like an arrow ſhot from a well experient Archer hits the marke, his eye doth levell it: ſo do thou never returne, unleſſe thou ſay, Prince *Pericles* is dead.

Thal. My Lord, if I can get him within my piſtols length, Ile make him ſure enough: ſo farewell to your highneſſe.

Ant. Thaliard adieu, till *Pericles* be dead,
My heart can lend no ſuccour to my head. *Exit.*

Enter Pericles with his Lords.

Per. Let none diſturbe us:
Why ſhould this change of thoughts,
The ſad companion dull-eyde melancholy,
By me ſo uſed, a gueſt as not an houre,
In the dayes glorious walke or peacefull night,
The toombe where griefe ſhould ſleepe, can breed me quiet,
Here pleaſures court mine eyes, and mine eyes ſhun them,
And danger which I feared, is at *Antioch*,
Whoſe arme ſeemes farre too ſhort to hit me here,
Yet neither pleaſures art can joy my ſpirits,
Nor yet the others diſtance comfort me:
Then it is thus, that paſſions of the minde,
That have their firſt conception by miſ-dread,
Have after nouriſhment and life by care;
And what was firſt but feare, what might be done,
Growes elder now, and cares it be not done.
And ſo with me; the great *Antiochus*,
Gainſt whom I am to little to contend,

Since